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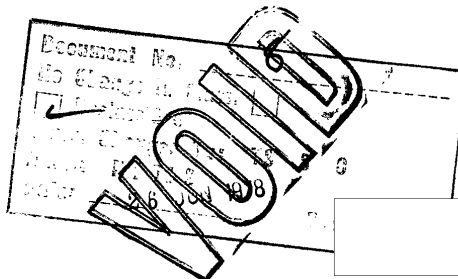
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1. The [redacted] formerly supplied nickel for the Russian Zone of Germany. When deliveries of nickel from this plant were stopped, nickel powder was procured from the Badische Anilin- u. Sodawerke in Ludwigshafen and processed into semi-finished material. When this source was exhausted, the Oberspreewerke started manufacturing nickel powder from nickel oxalate. The pre-1945 stock of nickel oxalate on hand in the OSW was used and is still being used at present as the only source of raw material.
2. Nickel oxalate is processed into nickel powder which is then sintered and milled into wires or sheet metal.
3. Semi-finished nickel is used for the production of tubes. No semi-finished items made of nickel were sent to USSR and none were obtained from the West.
4. Six chemists, under the supervision of Machinist (fmu) Lesinski, are working on the production of nickel powder at the OSW. Lesinski was for many years employed as a chemist by Osram.

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